



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Emad S. Alnemri et al.  
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ENCODING AND METHODS OF USE

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated July 20, 2004, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.